

ROOT AND T. R. SEEN TOGETHER

Most Washington Politicians Believe Both Combined to Defeat Hughes.

TO TIE UP THE DELEGATES

Close Observers Believe Colonel and Not Root Is Desired by the Financial Powers.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Whether it is Root for Roosevelt or Roosevelt for Root—a practical unanimity of opinion among politicians here yesterday declared that a combination of the two had been effected to prevent the nomination of Charles E. Hughes at the Republican convention.

While surface conditions indicate strongly that the Colonel has again shed his Stateside into the ring, some of the prognosticators believe that the conference in New York at the new memorable Bacon luncheon marked the commencement of an active campaign to put Elihu Root in the White House, with the active support and co-operation of Theodore Roosevelt.

But even those who hold to this view are painfully aware that the Colonel's lightning rod still projects expectantly into the political ether, and that it will not be withdrawn until someone else shall have been nominated.

That a wide difference of opinion exists among political leaders as to whether Roosevelt, once nominated, could defeat Woodrow Wilson, becomes more apparent each day, nor are the differences sectional. All agree, however, that Hughes could poll the greater vote, and, privately, all politicians agree that Hughes is the last man—except only the present occupant—whom the Republican leaders want in the White House.

May Be More Anti-Hughes Move.

Unquestionably the Root movement has received great apparent impetus since the Bacon luncheon in New York. Whether this is sincere, or merely a means of withholding New York delegates from pledging their votes to Hughes is a question. As far as New York is concerned, it is pointed out that about one-third of the delegation to the next Republican convention could be expected to vote for Root, and another third would vote for Roosevelt in preference to many candidates, and that the remaining third, powerful financial interests could sway a large percentage to Roosevelt. On the other hand, there is grave danger lest a large number of these New York delegates, in the absence of another pronounced candidate, declare in advance for Hughes—the last thing in the world leaders want them to do. It is suggested that the Root boom is now being pushed strongly with a view to restraining these delegates from committing themselves to Hughes.

Those who believe that the Root talk is 99 per cent pure, declare that next to the late Senator Platt, of Connecticut, Theodore Roosevelt always has harbored greater respect and admiration for Elihu Root than any of his contemporaries. It is pointed out that the Root boom is now being pushed strongly with a view to restraining these delegates from committing themselves to Hughes.

Root's Appeal Largely Sectional.

On the other hand, it is believed that Roosevelt and not Root is the man desired by the financial powers. It is pointed out that the Gary dinner in New York, and the Philadelphia reception and speech staged and arranged by E. T. Stotesbury, were for Roosevelt and not Root; that at this stage the Colonel has already in the neighborhood of 300 delegates to Chicago, without having made anything resembling a campaign. Further, it is claimed that Mr. Root carries little of appeal to the middle or far West except in one capacity—as a Secretary of State; and it is reported that Mr. Roosevelt would name Mr. Root to that portfolio if elected.

A politician of wide experience and who has been engaged in quiet investigations for several months declared yesterday: "I have scratched the surface of several of these so-called Hughes movements, and always I find a Roosevelt movement under the surface." It is generally conceded that Frank Hitchcock's efforts, ostensibly in behalf of Hughes, in reality are a part of a pro-Roosevelt movement, whether with a view to the latter's nomination, or to the acquisition of sufficient strength in delegates by the latter to permit him to dictate the convention's selection.

It looks like the field against Hughes, at any rate.

BOYS OF Y. M. C. A. GIVE GOOD VARIETY SHOW

Many Interesting Features in Benefit Performance for Summer Vacation Camp Fund.

The boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association presented a variety entertainment at the boys' gymnasium last evening for the boys' summer camp fund, which had several features of interest.

Nick Altrock, Griffith's right hand man on the training end of the squad, made a decided hit.

The program was: Rapid fire monologue, "Bits of Vaudeville," Bailey and Edwards; piano solos, Miss De Moya King; announcement of boys' camp plans, Mr. De Gast; reading, Charley Chaplin and William Samuels; Scherz monologue, "Colored Parson," Mr. Yall; dance specialty, Frost and Dudley; Nick Altrock, baseball juggling feature, solo parody on "Maryland," and readings; juvenile song and dance feature, Miss Reeves and Master Dudley.

ESCAPE FIRE BY JUMPING.

Father Takes Leap With Babe in Arms; Mother Follows.

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—Smalley House, one of the oldest hotels in this section of the country, was burned to the ground at Towson, Md., today. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Ralph Rider was forced to jump from a second-story window with his infant child in his arms. Mrs. Rider followed her husband in the leap to safety. Father, mother and child suffered only from shock.

Marshall to Appear Before House.

Word was received yesterday by Chairman Moon of the Select Committee appointed by the House to take up the question of instituting contempt proceedings against United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall, of New York, that the latter would appear before the committee on Monday. It is now regarded as possible that an arrangement may be reached whereby the contempt proceedings may be dropped.

ATLANTIC CITY READY FOR EASTER CROWDS

Many Prominent Visitors Assembled at Hotel Traymore—"White Breakfast" Planned.

Atlantic City, April 8.—Scenes of unusual activity were enacted along the famous boardwalk and in the large beach front hotels during the past few days. The influx of visitors from the centers of population taxed the capacity of several of the larger hostilities. Many persons of prominence came for the Easter season, arriving at a time unusually early.

The Hotel Traymore attracted many persons of prominence. Former United States Senator John C. Spooner and Mrs. Spooner were notable among the guests. Mayor John Purroy Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, of New York, returned Tuesday. They gave several small dinner parties in the lotus room and the submarine grill and were conspicuous as the best dancers there.

Announcement was made by General Manager Joseph W. Mott of the engagement of Mrs. Frances Alda, wife of General Director Gatti, of the Metropolitan Opera House as the principal solo artist to appear in connection with the forthcoming great "white breakfast" to be held Easter morning at the Hotel Traymore. Mrs. Alda will be assisted by Frank La Forge and Louis Kroll. It is expected that more than 1,000 women will participate in this affair.

Mrs. Johanna Gadsby spent several days during the week at the Traymore. Count Mankowski entertained informally in the submarine grill Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. De Cardo will give exhibition dancing in the submarine grill every afternoon and every evening.

Among Washington folk of prominence at the Traymore are Dr. J. J. Richardson, Mrs. George B. Houser, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Walker, J. F. McCullum and Miss Mildred S. Bacon.

TO KEEP CENTENNIAL OF BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Honorary Chairman of Committee Planning Celebration Next Month.

The centennial of the organization of the American Bible Society will be celebrated in Washington on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is honorary chairman of the committee named to arrange for the celebration. Associated with her are John W. Foster and Dr. Meritt E. Gates.

The active committee is holding weekly meetings at the New Willard preparing for the celebration. Meetings for the young will be held on May 6. A program, or tableaux, illustrating the history of the Bible, will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Randolph Forrest and J. Wilder Tomlinson.

At the principal meeting, to be held probably in front of the Capitol at 4:30 o'clock, on the afternoon of Sunday, May 7, President Wilson will deliver an address. The American Bible Society was organized in New York City on May 3, 1815.

Hoolock, a lonesome monkey in the Central Park Zoo, New York, was miserable until the curator conceived the idea of taking phonographic records of his whining chatter. Now Hoolock listens to his own talk, thinks he has a companion and is perfectly happy.

Carothers Forecasted Cold Snap, While Weather Bureau Went Wrong, Says Moore

Another fusillade in the controversy between Prof. Charles F. Marvin, chief of the Weather Bureau, and Prof. Willis L. Moore, head of the meteorological department at George Washington University and former weather chief, over the accuracy of the newly announced Carothers system of long-distance forecasting was fired last night.

In a formal statement, Prof. Moore declared that weeks ago Carothers predicted the cold snap of the past few days, whereas the Weather Bureau utterly failed to forecast it. The Weather Bureau forecast for the week beginning last Sunday, April 2, read: "No unusually low temperatures for the season, however, are probable any section. Indications are that during the coming week temperatures will average near the normal throughout the Eastern and Southern States."

Prof. Moore pointed out that on March 23 Carothers issued the following forecast, accurately predicting the unusual frost that has visited this region. The forecast read: "Beginning Thursday there will be general frosts daily to the end of the week, extending to the coasts one or two days."

"This is only one of many answers that will be made to Marvin's tirade and misrepresentation with regard to the new system of forecasting," said Prof. Moore. "The answers, however, will be made not by me or by Carothers, but by the forecasts themselves."

SAYS RELIGIOUS WORK DESERVES FIRST PLACE

Homer J. Councilor Tells Diners Primary Aim of Y. M. C. A. Should Be Soul Welfare.

The binding obligation of the Y. M. C. A. as a Christian institution to give first place to the religious activities coming under its natural supervision was declared by Homer J. Councilor, chairman of the extension committee, at a dinner last night, to indicate what the primary aim should be.

"If we do not do this we are not playing the same fair," he said, "we are four-fifths and will be caught with the goods sooner or later; we are securing money under false pretenses, for the citizens of Washington are not contributing to the support of a social club, or an athletic association for the benefit of those who should pay for their own pleasures, nor are they backing an educational institution as against the other schools of the city, but they are aiding in the support of an organization which they believe has a definite work in the advancement of the Kingdom of God."

In speaking on "My Impressions of Association Work," Rev. Paul R. Hickok, D. D., referred to the pleasant relations he had always enjoyed with those engaged in association work. Ronald L. Ross reported on the meetings being conducted at No. 3 Engine House. A unique plan for a "family night" or musical program as the crowning event of the season's activity for No. 3 Engine House was outlined by Chris C. Mullady. Hugh A. Thrift presided.

Masons to Bury Barak T. Graves.

A special convocation of King David Lodge, No. 28, F. A. A. M., of Brookland, D. C., will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of Barak T. Graves, who died Friday. The funeral services will be conducted with full Masonic rites, and the interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Roumania May Enter War.

Athens, April 8.—Roumania will soon join in the war. This is the view taken by military experts following the reports that for the last ten days Bulgarian railways have been used exclusively for the transportation of troops toward the Roumanian frontier.

SENATE TO VOTE SOON ON BIGGER ARMY BILL

Senator Lewis Sounds Slogan of No Withdrawal in Mexico Until Work Is Done.

At the instance of Senator Chamberlain, who is in charge of the army reorganization bill, an agreement was reached by the Senate yesterday to vote on the measure on April 18. In the opinion of leaders of both houses this assures the bill becoming a law early in May.

The feature of the debate yesterday on the army bill was a speech by Senator Lewis, of Illinois, who strongly urged that no time should be lost in putting through the preparedness measure.

"I view the situation of my country at this particular time as rather precarious in the matter of her diplomatic surroundings," said Senator Lewis. "Either we do not regard the condition as calling for immediate action on our part, and have not the courage to say so, or we do so regard it, and have not the statesmanship to act with that succinctness and immediateness for which the situation calls."

"There has come the information through the public press that the United States is on the eve of withdrawing from Mexico, because of new and multiplied embarrassments."

"It might as well now be understood, speaking only for myself, that so far as I am concerned the United States will not withdraw from the undertaking. It has so commendably entered upon in this punitive expedition to properly chastise those who have violated the honor of the country and to punish those who have offended against the life of a citizen of the United States."

"Let us," said Senator Lewis, "increase our perseverance, and multiply our own activities, feeling absolutely convinced that shortly that which we seek to do—execute justice—will be done by the United States in Mexico."

WILL PAY HONORS TO SPANISH WAR VICTIMS

Navy Department to Return Flags Along with Bodies of Admiral Cervera's Men.

There will be a fitting ceremony at Portsmouth, N. H., on Wednesday, incident to the transfer of the bodies of thirty-one Spanish victims of the war of 1898 back to Spain. The bodies which have been exhumed will be placed aboard the Spanish transport, *Aimara*, of Lobo. Minute guns will be fired in their honor and the Navy Department has sent to the State Department for presentation to the Spanish Ambassador the thirty-one Spanish flags which on memorial occasions have draped the graves of these members of Admiral Cervera's squadron.

Admiral Austin M. Knight will represent the Navy Department at the ceremony and Thomas Hinkley, second secretary of the American embassy at Madrid, will represent the State Department.

Spaniard at Allies Conference.

Madrid, April 8.—Dr. Alphonse Costa, Spanish minister of finance, has gone to Paris to attend a conference on economic affairs, held by representatives of the allies. It was announced today.

CONFIRMS CANTON REVOLT.

Admiral Winterhalter at Shanghai Cables Fighting Has Not Begun.

Official confirmation of the report that the province of Canton had declared itself independent of the Chinese empire has been received at the Navy Department from Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, at Shanghai.

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